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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE:
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AUGUST 17.

1. POLITICAL COMMITTEE DRAFTING GROUP MET AFTERNOON AND NIGHT AUGUST 17. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT NONE OF ISSUES IN WHICH US PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED TOUCHED UPON. ACCORDING TO ETHIOPIAN DEL, DJIBOUTI OCCUPIED MUCH OF GROUP'S TIME, AND SAHARA ALSO REMAINS STICKY. ANY MEMBER OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE WHO SO WISHES IS FREE TO ATTEND POLITICAL COMMITTEE DRAFTING GROUP SESSIONS, AND TO PARTICIPATE. MOST HAVE CHOSEN TO DO SO. ACCORDINGLY, DRAFTING GROUP CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) IS, IN EFFECT, ACTING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

2. CAR PERM REP BANDIO SAYS THERE IS HOPE CONCERNING KOREAN QUESTION, BUT ADDS THAT IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO TEMBER DPRK LANGUAGE.

3. ON PUERTO RICO, AL-HADDAD (YAR) OBSERVES THAT
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MANY WERE SUPRISED WITH "POCKETS" OF SUPPORT AMONG

NON-ALIGNED WHICH US POSITION ENJOYS.

4. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE EXPECTS TO FINISH ITS WORK
AUGUST 18. POLITICAL DRAFTING GROUP NOW PLANS TO
MEET ALL DAY AUGUST 18, UNSURE WHETHER RESULT OF ITS
WORK WILL BE PRESENTED TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE AS A
WHOLE OR WHETHER PRESSURES OF TIME WILL NECESSITATE
PRESENTATION DIRECTLY TO SUMMIT. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY,
SALIM SAYS, IS THAT RESULT COULD GO FROM DRAFTING
GROUP TO A RECONVENED MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.
ONE DEL ESTIMATED THAT DRAFTING GROUP HAD COMPLETED
LESS THAN HALF ITS TASKS WHEN IT BROKE UP AT 2:00 AM
AS RESULT OF INTERPRETERS' PROTESTS.
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